Past milestones related to the 2030 Agenda

Meeting of the Community of Practice for Caribbean countries that present their Voluntary National Review

Virtual Meeting
9 November 2021
Content

1. 18th meeting of the Regional Council for Planning of ILPES of ECLAC (19-21 October 2021)

2. 4th session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean (26-28 October 2021)

3. VII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) for the Americas and the Caribbean (PR21) (1-4 November 2021)

4. Seminar on non-communicable diseases in the Caribbean (4 November)

5. 20th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) of ECLAC (5 November)
The meeting was convened on **19-21 October 2021** by ECLAC and the government of **Panama** and was joined by ministers, deputy ministers and planning directors from **26 countries in the region**, including **9 from the Caribbean**.

The authorities recognized the **importance of public policy consistency** for strengthening the processes and instruments of planning for development and public management for the implementation of the **2030 Agenda**.

ECLAC presented the position paper: **“Resilient institutions for a transformative post-pandemic recovery in Latin America and the Caribbean: Inputs for discussion”**

Countries further stressed the need to **bolster national planning systems with renewed capacities for planning the post-pandemic recovery with a long-term view**.
Fourth session of the Regional Conference on Social Development in Latin America and the Caribbean

- The event was convened on **26-28 October** by **ECLAC**, the government of **Antigua and Barbuda** and the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**.
- Countries reaffirmed the importance of putting **people** and **their rights** at the **center of development**, safeguarding the region’s progress on social development and preventing setbacks amid the crisis unleashed by the pandemic.
- The resolution recognized “the importance of coordinating social protection systems with disaster risk management policies to strengthen the capacity for mitigation, prevention, response and adaptation and to create synergies that will improve the efficiency and resilience of institutions and the population.”
- Countries further stressed that **multilateralism** and **cooperation** are the critical means for making headway on implementation of the **2030 Agenda** and its **17 SDGs**.
VII Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction for the Americas and Caribbean (PR21)

• The event took place on 1-4 of November 2021 under the theme ‘Building Resilient Economies in the Americas and the Caribbean,’ to raise awareness of the increasing economic and human cost of disasters, including challenges by small island developing States (SIDS).
• The meeting was chaired by the Government of Jamaica, the first Caribbean country to host a regional platform, and co-organized with the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR), and the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA).
• 30 countries from the Americas and the Caribbean pledged to step up action to prevent and better manage disasters and achieve the goals of the Sendai Framework on DRR.
• For the first time, a regional platform was preceded by a special Youth Forum on DRR and countries agreed that such forums would become a regular feature of future platforms. A declaration issued by the youth forum was approved at ministerial level.
• The event concluded by approving ambitious new steps to strengthen a regional action plan.
Seminar on non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the Caribbean

- Prior to the 20th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC), the Executive Secretary of ECLAC and the Minister of Finance, Economic Planning and Information Technology of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, led a seminar on 4 November 2021 on the high prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the Caribbean subregion.
- NCDs, such as high blood pressure, diabetes and cancer, exacerbate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and hinder the subregion’s progress towards the 2030 Agenda, due to their multiple health, economic and social consequences.
- In this context, the region should strengthen production, distribution and access to medicines and vaccines as presented in ECLAC’s Plan for self-sufficiency in health matters as requested by the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC).
20th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Caribbean Development and Cooperation Committee (CDCC) of ECLAC

• On 5 November 2021, subregional and international authorities and experts debated about the multidimensional challenges that Caribbean States continue to face and that define their vulnerability, and discussed innovative solutions on financial, technological and institutional matters for accelerating the recovery and strengthening economic resilience.

• Participants reviewed a preliminary working document presented by ECLAC entitled “Reckoning with COVID-19: pursuing a people-centered recovery and more resilient future for the Caribbean” and addressed strategies to support the recovery through regional solidarity and integration, and how to safeguard the health of the Caribbean.

• They also reviewed a report on implementation of the 2020 programme of work for the Caribbean and agreed that the CDCC’s 29th session will take place in Suriname, prior to ECLAC’s 39th session to be held in 2022.

• ECLAC remains fully committed to implementing the ‘Caribbean First’ strategy.
Thank you